GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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OFF-SHORE BANKING UNITS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has favoured a one-time imposition of licence fee for setting up ofoff-shore banking units (OBU) by commercial banks;

(b) if so, present system adopted in this regard;

(c) the extent upto which the one-time levy of fee for OBUS by RBI would streamline the matters;

(d) whether the banks have agreed to this new system; and

(e) if not, the alternatives RBI considers to take to streamline such matters ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): Reserve Bank of India has reported that it is examining various issues concerning setting up of off-shore banking units (OBU) in India and has, so far, not taken any decision in this regard.